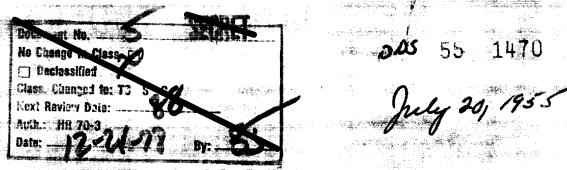
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MERCHANICA NE: Colonel L. L. Write

Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Subject: CIA Supergrade Structure

to have reviewed the study on CIA supergrades which you transmitted by note on July 11, 1955. In terms of the approach used in this setter, we felt the study was objective and fair.

Ultimately, as you indicate, supergrades can only be justified a job-by-job basis. We would not attempt to substitute our judgment for yours on this basis, but it would be useful to us if , prior to our discussion on this matter, you spuid provide by organizational or brief descriptive title:

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a) A list of the manuscretes non under the cailing;
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supergrade level by the BCI; and

c) A list of the editional positions among the approved by the Supergrade Boview Board.

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To the extent that administrative action has been completed, it would also be useful to have a list - if you have it - ar Ulimitrative examples of the additional positions which wight Verrent supergrain salaries if the colling were raised to

25X9 In addition, the report indicates that, if the celling were established, general or flag rank military officers on active duty and Foreign Service Officers of reak F80-1 or higher class who are detailed to perfore the duties of Agency positions would henceforth obligate supergrade ceiling positions It would be useful to know how many such persons were on Agency Belling supergrade positions were 25X9 TALLS ALL LIME LIME occupied.

Lastly, the normal lag in filling top-level positions is always present. We have noted over a period of time, however, a greater member of unoccupied GIA supergrade positions than might be expected. Is this a continuing situation or one which is being writed on?

I will be prepared to discuss this question very shortly after the supplementary information is available.

> Robert M. Macr Chisf, International Division